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CONFERENCE OF WORKERS

IN connection with the State Annual meeting held on 28th Sept. 1957, a Conference of Workers was held at 2-30 P.M. under the presidency of Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner.

Dr. K. G. Ramabadran, District Commissioner, Madurai and member of the Sub-Committee on 'Better Scouting' spoke on the various aspects of Scouting dealt with by the Sub-Committee in its report. He was very emphatic that Scouters and Guiders should show greater interest in the work. He also dealt with certain recommendations made in the report and appealed to the workers

present to carefully go through the report and follow the suggestions if they found them useful.

Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner-Guides who followed next said that the report should not be treated as anything very new. There was great need for self-examination on everybody's part and to introduce the right spirit in the work before us. She read to the Conference the following :

"It is the individual that matters most in the movement. Humility, Honesty and the readiness to serve, the thirst for knowledge and adventure,

the longing for service, that the leader holds out to his group at all levels, that will bring about the desired change" and requested everyone present to ponder over the statement read out.

Mr. K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner-Scouts said, that Scouting should never be made into a class room business. There should be scope for self-effort and the Commissioners should set the example in this matter.

A discussion took place in which all took part. Mr. M. D. Janardhan suggested that it will be difficult for the District Commissioners to run a group and that should not be insisted upon.

Mr. K. Varadharajan A.D.C. of Salem said that the Scouters should be helped by the Educational authorities and there should be no over-lapping between the N.C.C., A.C.C. and Scouting.

Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee, District Commissioner-Guides, Coimbatore said

that there should be at least one hour leisure given to the Scouters and Guiders who are teachers, so that they could devote some time for Scouting or Guiding. There should also be provision of funds by the School Managements for Scouting and Guiding.

Mr. P. M. Dowlathram, District Commissioner, Corporation wanted Tamil Books made available.

Miss B. Hemavathi Headmistress, Kalyanam Girls High School, Chintadripet, said that if work is taken up with enthusiasm they could produce better results.

Mr. John J. Jayaraj, Assistant District Commissioner, Central Madras said that before the warrants are issued to workers, they should first get the training necessary and that finance is never a stumbling block. There should be encouragement from the State Headquarters and the Government.

Mr. S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner,

Salem wanted that there should be more Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs for training.

Mr. A. R. Arunachalam, District Commissioner, Ramnad District said that to improve the quality of Scouters there should be advanced Training given from time to time.

Mr. A. C. Alavandar, Sea Scoutmaster appealed for greater encouragement for Sea Scouting and the State Headquarters should come forward to give financial help, providing Dens, boats etc.

Mr. T. N. Bhuminathan, Organiser, Kallar Reclamation, Madurai wanted State help at every stage.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthi, Scout Superintendent of District Board Schools, Tanjore wanted a certain percentage of the games funds for the Scout work.

Mr. R. Kuppaswamy, Scouter Salem and Mr. P. S. Ranganathan, District Secretary, Salem, wanted more Scouters' meetings and Conferences than

Commissioners. Because it is the Scouters who knew the difficulties directly in running the groups. Mr. Ranganathan wanted a certain amount of uniformity in the matter of songs. At least one common song in Tamil with proper 'ragam' (tune) and also uniformity in the matter of dress making it really attractive. That State Headquarters should encourage Scouters of experience by giving them awards for long Service etc.

Mr. C. N. Sethuraman of Madurai recommended the organisation of open groups and said that open groups can offer better Scouting than controlled groups, to the boys and girls coming under such groups. He also read out a note on this very important subject which is published elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The State Secretary speaking at length on the report said that if the suggestions made in the report are given effect to, our movement would have taken the next step in its

onward progress and assured the workers present that the State Headquarters will render all possible help in providing facilities for proper Scouting.

The State Chief Commissioner in winding up

the proceedings thanked the workers present for taking trouble to attend the Conference and making it a success and wished them all good Scouting and Guiding in the year.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary



LATE Mr. A. J. JOHN

We express our deep sense of sorrow at the death of Mr. A. J. John, Governor of Madras and convey our sympathies to Mrs. John.

Mr. John was an ardent supporter of the Scout Movement. He was a patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. When he presided over our Centenary celebrations, he gave expression to his profound belief in the value and efficacy of the Scout and Guide Organisation for the young people and his sincere appreciation of the great services rendered by Lord Baden Powell to Humanity and for the cause of International peace.

Editor.

600 Mile Hike on Bicycles

BY FIRST MADRAS SEA SCOUTS GROUP

MADRAS — MYSORE — MADRAS

From 29th September 1957 To 8th October 1957

THE Spirit of wanderlust that made a patrol of Rovers to attempt to go on bicycles such a long distance as SIX HUNDRED MILES. emanated from the Rovers themselves.

Under the leadership of Messrs. A. C. Alavandar, T. S. Sankaran, C. Hemachandran, T. S. Gopalakrishnan, K. V. Mohanarangiah, and D. Chandran, the party left the Shore Headquarters at 4-30 A. M., on the 29th September 1957, on Bicycles, for Mysore, via Poonamallee, Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram, at an average rate of SEVEN MILES per hour—because the wind was against us and reached by 11-55 P. M., the same night, and halted there at Sri Venu Mudaliar's Rest House, for the night. The following morning (30-9-57) at 7-30 A. M. left for Bangalore,—We reached the Ghat Section at 114th Mile (from Madras) after passing Venkatagiri and walked a portion of the Ghat Section which place was unsuitable for any vehicular traffic. At the 118th Mile, there was a heavy downpour of rain and we were forced to take shelter for about half-an-hour. A few minutes

later, we resumed our journey and completed the Ghat Section at 191st Mile which took us completely three hours. At the Ghat Road, one of our cycles was treated for puncture by the members themselves. Then proceeding through Palamaner, we crossed the outskirts of the Mysore State at the 135th Mile at 5-30 P. M., on 30-9-57 and finally reached Mulbagal, a town on the border of the Mysore State, at 8 P. M. After finishing our dinner, we resumed our journey and reached Kolar at 11-30 P. M.—which is 162 miles from Madras.

At Kolar, we were accommodated for the night by the Engineering Staff, in their Office premises. The next morning (1-10-57), by 4-30 A. M., we left Kolar and reached Bangalore at 2-30 P. M., after passing through Malur, Narasipur, Koskote, and Krishnarajapuram.

At the Scouts Headquarters at Irwin Circle, Bangalore City, we met Messrs. Rangaswamy, Manager, and A. N. Rama Rao, District Commissioner, who arranged for our stay. The following morning (2-10-57), we left for

Mysore at 3-30 A. M. to attend the Mysore State Rally held at Oval grounds, Crawford Hall. On our way, i.e., at 49th Mile from Bangalore, we found an old man (pedestrian) knocked down by a car and bleeding from the mouth. We stopped and rendered first aid to the injured pedestrian and sent him in the same car to the hospital at Madur. We then resumed our journey and reached MYSORE AT 5 P.M., on 2-10-1957., and entered the Rally Grounds, where we met the Officers of that State who were good enough to arrange for our stay at Maharaja's High School. The Group Leader of Chintamani School Scouts, helped us in getting a room there. Later, we were taken for dinner.

The next morning (3-10-57), we went out for sight seeing and had the axle of the front wheel of one of our cycles, replaced as it was broken. We visited Big Bazaar, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Town Hall, Etc., At 2 P. M. (3-10-57), we joined the Procession and after reaching the Palace Road, we were asked to stand at the specially erected Pandal, by the Assistant State Officials. At 4-15 P. M., His Excellency the Governor of Mysore, (Maharaja of Mysore) who was riding on a well decorated elephant, stopped near the State Scouts Pandal and received the garland offered to him. It is really a pride to see that the Scouts

and Guides were given the first place in the Procession, After dispersal at 5 P.M., we went round the City to see the Electrical illuminations at the Palace and important buildings.

The following day, (4-10-57), we visited the Zoo, Chamundeswari Temple, and at night, the famous Brindavan which was illuminated with colour bulbs.

The next morning (5-10-57) at 4-30 A. M. we left Mysore and reached Bangalore at about 9-30 P. M. and halted there for the night.

On 6-10-57, we were the guests of the Proprietor of the famous WOODLANDS HOTEL at Bangalore. With the assistance of Sri Balakrisnnan, Bangalore Scouts, we visited Museum, Assembly Hall, Lal Bagh, Cuban Bagh, Temples at Basavangudi, Bugle Tower and the Municipal Office at Bangalore.

The next morning (7-10-57) at 4 A.M. we left Bangalore for Chittoor, and were able to reach Chittoor—a distance of 112 miles,—by 7-30 P. M. and stay there for the night.

On the morning of 8-10-57, at 3-30 P.M., when a heavy downpour of rain prevented us from proceeding further. After halting for more than an hour, we resumed our journey and REACHED the HOTEL DASAPRAKASH.

MADRAS, at 7-45 P.M. after a cup of Tea at the said Hotel, REACHED OUR SHORE HEADQUARTERS AT 8-30 P.M., on 8-10-57.

Conclusion

All the Members of the Group appreciated for my taking them on the trip of 600 Miles to and from Mysore on a slow and steady speed on BICYCLES—thereby

making everyone return safely without any accident. Of course, I will be failing in my duty if I don't mention here that the entire programme was made a success due to the hearty co-operation of the members.

(Sd) A. C. ALAVANDAR,
Group Leader (Sea Scouts),
24—10—57

SCOUT WEEK CELEBRATION AT NAGAPATTINAM

The Scout Week celebration of National Elementary School, P. N. Bank was celebrated on 8—11—57 in a grand manner. In the morning, the Cubs, Bulbuls and Scouters of the School came in a procession through the main streets of the town carrying placards explaining the aims and principles of Scouting. Then the Scout flag was unfurled.

In the evening the function was celebrated under the presidentship of Sri K. Kalyanasundaram, D.C.T.T. Sri N. Subramaniam, Scouter and Headmaster of the School welcomed the gathering and conducted the rally. Many interesting items such as games, yells, songs, boatrow, etc., were demonstrated which the audience appreciated much.

Sri S. Balasubramaniam, Assistant District Commissioner unveiled the portait of Late Dr. G. S. Arundale narrating the service he has rendered to Scouting in India. Messrs. J. S. Nessayya, District Commissioner A. M. P. Subbaraya Chettiar, manager of the School, R. L. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, Scouter, addressed the meeting.

After vote of thanks, by Sri K. Ramakrishna, Cubmaster and National Anthem, the President distributed sweets to the Cubs and Bulbuls and the function came to a close at 7 P.M.

Scouting and Guiding in Open Groups

THE great founder of the Scout Movement started his initial Scouting activities among the boys of Mafeking to meet the emergencies of a local war. He found excellent response from those boys and later on, the experiment was projected to boys in his own country. The striking success achieved was responsible for the quick spread of the Movement in and outside England.

In our own country, the Movement has been very popular in the initial stages among all classes of boys and young men. Educationists acclaimed the Scouting scheme as a valuable adjunct to school studies and therefore, most of the schools organised Scouting as an extra-curricular activity. The essentially educational nature of the programme of Scouting makes it at once very useful to boys who are not in any school and also those unfortunate ones who were forced to give up schooling after a short period, for economic and other reasons. This category of boys could be organised into Open Groups to the immense advantage of the members thereof.

At present, Scouting is organised mostly in schools where the Scouters are School-Masters, the majority of whom find the routine of school work itself too exacting, but

still try their best to do justice to their position as Scouters in the school groups. With a few exceptions where the School-master-Scouters turn out to be really spirited workers, the bulk of the Scouters suffer this handicap. The recent introduction of the N. C. C. and the A. C. C. has created further complications in School Scouting. Even granting that all Scout Groups in schools are being run in an efficient manner, we have to remember that the number in each such group cannot exceed 32 or 40 for a total strength of several hundreds of boys, excepting very few High Schools forming more than one Group in the same institution. The case is the same with Higher Elementary and Elementary Schools too.

The only place where the rest of the boys could get in is an Open Group manned by Scouters of various callings. Here not only the surplus of school boys but non-students also can have all the benefits of Scouting. Unfortunately, the number of such Open Groups is very small in the State to-day and there may be various reasons for the same. As votaries of a Movement striving to serving the largest possible section of the youth of the country, it is our duty to examine how best we could get over the impediments that stand in the way

of the organisation of more Open Groups which alone can claim non-students for their members, even though we have mostly students in some of the Open Groups to-day. The case of the out-of-the-school boy is now our main concern, taking of course, due care not to compartmentalise the same. No doubt the work for the units on hand at present is by itself a great task for the Association. But the importance of serving the lesser brethren and the underprivileged should not be minimised and hence the need for more Open Groups.

Again, Rovering has got immense scope for development in Open Groups and in fact, numerous Rover Crews did exist in several districts in the past. Given proper leadership and guidance, they are sure to spring up once again into a disciplined force of useful youngmen striving to better themselves and helping their neighbours. Open Groups of Bulbuls and Guides can be similarly formed to the great advantage of the members and the community.

In spite of the presence of ever so many youth organisations in India to-day, the special features of Scouting and Guiding with their non-political-non-religious characteristics with bonds of international friendship make it one of vast potentialities for social service. But why is that we find this branch of activity neglected by so many of the countrymen? It is up to us to answer this big "WHY?" and proceed forthwith to effective action. One such move and the most important one could be the organisation of more and more Open Groups and thereby getting into contact with more members of the public at large. Details like the finding out and selecting proper leaders, their training, the follow-up work etc., can be discussed and definite proposals evolved by a small committee of men and women who have had experience of work in Open Groups and also those connected with social service organisations in general. There upon the Headquarters can take adequate measures to implement the recommendations of the committee

Madras, }

28—9—1957 }

C. N. SETHURAMAN.

Scout worker, Madurai.

A.P.R.O. Part I—Chapter XIII

General Rules

Rule No. 377—Emblems.

(1) No emblem may be worn in uniform unless it has been approved in accordance with the following rules:—

(2) The following may be approved by the appropriate authorities to be used on occasions when necessary:—

(a) National — in special cases.

(b) State.

(c) District.

(d) L. A.

(e) Group.

(f) Rover/Rangers—To be worn on special scarves under Rules 281 and 289.

(g) The National emblems will be decided by the N.H.Q., for suitable occasions. For the State emblems applications for approval should be made by the S.H.Q. For all other emblems applications should be made to the S.H.Q.

(h) Approval for emblems will only be given subject to the following conditions:

(i) Application must be submitted through the normal channels of communication (i.e.) through L.A., D.C., and A.S.C.) and not direct to S.H.Q.

(ii) A drawing or specimen of the design (which will not be returned) must be submitted together with a statement

of the approval of the D.C. and L.A.

(iii) The design must be emblematic in character e.g. the name or initials of an individual or Group are not admissible.

(iv) The design must not exceed two inches in length or breadth.

(v) A specimen of the emblem when made must be sent to N.H.Q., or S.H.Q. for record.

Rule No. 378. An emblem when approved must be worn in one of the following places, as decided by N.H.Q. in the case of National emblem and by the S.H.Q. in the case of other emblems.

(1) On the shoulder.

(2) On the right breast.

(3) On the point of the scarf.

383. Foreign Visits.

(1) Scouts/Guides proposing to camp or travel abroad in uniform must first obtain the permission of N.H.Q. The application must be submitted through S.H.Q. on a recommendation of the D.C. or L.A.

(2) Permission will not be given to Cubs/Bulbuls to Camp abroad or to travel abroad.

(3) Invitations to foreign Scouts/Guides to visit or Camp in India must not be issued until permission has been obtained from N.H.Q.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Post Box 127

Regal Bldg., Parliament Street,

New Delhi, November 6, 1957

Circular No. 35/57.

The State Secretaries,
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Indian Union (including Railways)

Dear Sirs,

The National Commissioner desires me to state that the instructions contained in Circular 25/27 dated 7-9-1957 asking all Railways' Zones to re-register their troops and companies with the appropriate States should be treated as cancelled till the position has been clarified further.

He is of opinion that the registration of the Northern Railway, which has been registered as a State, can only be withdrawn by the National Executive Committee; also, as this matter was discussed and placed before the Committee and as the Committee decided not to make any exception to the rule in force in the A.P.R.O., it will be necessary for the Committee to clarify the position and, among other things, to determine whether the Railways should be formed into divisional organisations under Rule 117 or whether some other solution in line with the A.P.R.O. is feasible, and, in particular, whether the suggestion that each zonal headquarters of the Railways should be regarded as a sponsoring authority can be carried out and if so, how. Before, therefore, there is any disruption of the existing arrangement, the National Commissioner desires the Railways to carry on as at present, as he is anxious to avoid any set back or halt in the work pending further consideration of these matters and the formation of a scheme that will accord with the A. P. R. O.

The National Commissioner will be glad to discuss these questions with such representatives of the Railways as would care to meet him at some date, time and place convenient to them and him.

Yours faithfully,
K. G. VAIDYANATHAN,
National Secretary

Training Camps

SALEM DISTRICT

CIRCULAR

A Flock Leaders Training Camp and a Cubmasters' Training Camp will be conducted in the last week of Dec. 57. Places and dates will be intimated later. Candidates who intend undergoing the training should apply to the undersigned as quickly as possible with an advance of Rs. 5/- towards the Camp fee. The Camp fee is Rs. 20/- including Certificate fee, boarding and lodging.

We would like to invite the attention of those who intend attending the Camp to G. O. No. 509 dated 19th March 1956 Health—Education and Local Administration of the Government of Madras which provides for the treating of the Trainees of the periods including the days in transit spent by the teachers in camp as on duty.

We would also like to draw the attention of the candidates to G. O. No. 1241 Education dated 17th July 1957 of the Government of Madras which provides for the payment of the Training Camp expenses of the teachers deputed for undergoing training by the managements. The said expenses are to be treated as an admissible item of expenditure for purpose of grants from the State Funds. Further G. O. No. 1241 Education dated 17-7-1957 directs that the period of training may also be treated as duty.

Therefore, we hope the teachers would avail of these facilities afforded by the Government and apply immediately for the camp. A detailed programme and instructions will be sent to the selected candidates later.

All applications should reach the Secretary on or before the 10th December 1957.

District Headquarters,
Bharat Scouts & Guides
Municipal School Buildings
2nd Agraharam, Salem-1
Dated: 7-11-1957

P. S. RANGANATHAN,
Secretary.

CHILDREN'S DAY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, in a broadcast message from All-India Radio, on the eve of the National Children's Day, said:

"On this day, which is being celebrated as Children's Day in India. I send my message of love and good wishes to children all over the world. Generally speaking, most of our time is spent in considering questions and tackling problems relating directly to adults, and if they have any bearing on the welfare of children, that is only remote or indirect. This division of our time would appear to be disproportionate, considering the great importance of the question of child welfare. However, it is a welcome idea to have one day every year to be celebrated as Children's Day, when all questions pertaining to children and child welfare would receive special attention.

"The urge to improve the living standards of children and to provide them all possible welfare facilities derives as much from humanitarian considerations as from self interest of adults. A

country's children are the nation in the making, and the time and resources devoted towards their improvement are essentially a wise investment. Unfortunately, millions of children all over the world; particularly in backward and underdeveloped countries, are woefully underfed. To ensure proper growth, children do not merely need enough food, but also essential food from the nutritional point of view.

"Similarly, the social and intellectual requirements of children call for a special consideration at our hands. These are questions which must be tackled despite all handicaps and difficulties including financial stringency. That is because delay may not be as fatal in respect of the implementation of other projects, as it certainly would be, if children are not assured of their minimum requirements for their physical and intellectual growth."

—
"Scout and Guide Workers—
Please note our work is indeed worthwhile."

—Editor.

CHILDREN'S RALLY

IN connection with the Birth Day of our Prime Minister Mr. Nehru, the Indian Council of Child Welfare organised a Children's Rally at the Corporation Stadium and invited the Bharat Scouts and Guides to take part.

I am glad to say that our Scouts and Guides did very well both in the display and the Marchpast. The Marchpast consisted of the Air Force Mazumdar Rover Crew; the Scouts and Guides from the various units of the City; and the Rangers from the Queen Mary's College. We give below an extract from the HINDU of the 15th instant which has praised the part played by the Bharat Scouts and Guides:—

Mr. Rajamannar's Advice

Nearly 30,000 citizens watched a mass rally of pupils of Secondary Schools on 15-11-57 at the Madras Corporation Stadium in People's Park in connection with the inauguration of the Children's Week Celebrations conducted under the auspices of the Madras State Branch of the Indian Council for Child Welfare. The occasion which was being celebrated as "All India Children's Day" was to mark the 69th Birthday of Prime Minister Nehru.

The Governor took the salute at a March-past by the

N.C.C. the A.C.C. the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides,

Miss R. C. Sundari, a pupil of the Sri Ramakrishna Missi on Sarada Vidyalaya Girls High School, in a short speech, in Tamil welcomed the Governor and the Chief Minister.

Mr. Manickavelu requested the Chief Minister to inaugurate the celebrations, which the latter did without making a speech.

A spectacular display of physical activities by the boy and girl pupils, by the N.C.C. and an interesting programme of "Square Dance" by pupils of Anglo-Indian Schools followed. Nearly 5,000 pupils in all participated. Noteworthy among the displays was that of the Girl Guides and Scouts. 1,400 strong, standing in a pyramid formation in the centre depicting the figure of Bharata Matha holding aloft placards containing the Ten Guide Laws of Ahimsa Helpfulness, Courtesy, Thrift, Purity, Loyalty, Obedience, Kindliness, Honour and Friendliness. They also carried flags of various nations. Two of the Scouts were engaged in giving signals to say the words "Long live Uncle Nehru." Another noteworthy item was a Mass Kummi in which 1,800 pupils all dressed in white uniform sang in praise of the Prime Minister, after which

a large number of balloons were sent up in the air, to the lusty cheering of the crowd

The Governor thanked the organisers for giving him an opportunity to be associated with such an interested and happy event and the pupils for their hearty welcome to him. Congratulating them on the excellent way in which they had done their task, he said that it would be invidious for him to say who among them had done well. But the last item in the programme in which the pupils participated in Mass Kummi was the most impressive.

Mr. Rajamannar said that if 1,800 girls could be so orderly, rhythmic and disciplined, he was sure that all was well with the Madras State if not with India. He wondered if the boys would have done like this. Perhaps they would have. Rallies like this he said, not only gave an opportunity for thousands of pupils to gather together and to be aware of the fundamental unity among them but they also gave the public an idea of the duty they owed to children. The Indian Council of Child Welfare which had as its object the implementation of the declaration made at Geneva of the rights of children in a civilised society. Every year Children's Day was celebrated by these councils in the respective countries. In India

it was decided to celebrate it on November 14 because it happened to be the birthday of their beloved Prime Minister. It was most appropriate that the Children's Day should be celebrated on this day because no one in India loved more, the children of India than he. He was so solicitous of their welfare and never tired of emphasising the fact that that it was on their (Children's) welfare the welfare of the future of India depended. Another reason for celebrating the day on the Prime Minister's birth day was that though he was 69 to-day he was still as young and youthful as any of them.

Mr. Rajamannar said there were various types of children—the neglected, the orphaned, the unwanted, the handicapped, both physically and mentally, and children who did not have a square meal a day. It was the duty of every State to see that every child in the State get proper food, education and medical attention. This might be an ideal but he was sure our country and our State in particular under the able guidance of the Minister of Education would do the utmost by the children of this State.

Giving a word of advice to the assembled Mr. Rajamannar said, "Always think of yourselves as Indians first and last. Do not look upon your friends as either Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Brahmin or of

any of the other sections of the Non-Brahmin community. Do not think or address them by any suffix which will denote any distinction of caste or creed." They must, he said, take their proper place in the future of India and it did not help to promote any difference between themselves, difference which were more artificial than real. He appealed to them to be self-reliant adventurous and enterprising. He also asked them not only to be diligent at

study but to take part in play because all work and no play would make them dull and they did not want dull boys and girls in this country. He wished them the best of luck to grow to the fullest extent of their latent talents and to be a source of pride to Mother India.

Mr. S. Balakrishnan, pupil of the Hindu Theological High School, proposed a vote of thanks.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

KARUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Karur Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association a GUIDE CAPTAINS TRAINING CAMP was conducted from 23-9-57 to 4-10-57 for the women teachers of the area. On 24-9-57 the camp was inaugurated by Sri P. S. Seshadri, B.A., B.T., Secretary of the Local Association under the presidentship of Rev. Sister Beatrice, Headmistress, St. Theresa School, Karur. About twenty teachers—Eighteen from St. Theresa, School Karur and two from Trichy—underwent training. Of the eighteen teachers from St. Theresa School four were Rev. Sisters. Mrs. Pakkianathan, State Organising Commissioner (Guides) was in charge of the camp. On

2-10-57 all the campers with their camp officer went on an excursion to Puliur, a village which is nearly six miles from Karur. The Campers camped at puliur on that day. During their stay at Puliur they were shown a demonstration of Japanese method of Paddy cultivation by Sri P. S. Seshadri. The Camp concluded on 4-10-57. Sri. G. Albert Gnanamuthu, B.A. L.T., Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) Karur proposed a vote of thanks. Rev. Father Saddanandam was present on the closing day. Even though the camp was arranged at a very short notice it was a success. It is also proposed to conduct two more training camps in this area during this year—one for men teachers and another for lady teachers.

TUTICORIN

Scout and Guide week Celebration

Under the auspices of the above association the first week of October 1957 was observed as Scout and Guide week. On Monday and Tuesday the Scouts of the various groups rendered Service on the Road. They helped the Police in controlling the traffic and in educating and helping the public to develop road sense. The Asst. Superintendent of Police Sri K. Radhakrishnan B. Sc. Hons., IPS personally gave the Scout previous instruction in Road rules and supervised their service on the road. Charts and posters specially prepared for this were displayed in prominent junctions on the road. The campaign did make an impression on the public and the service was appreciated.

On Wednesday 2nd Oct. the Rovers, Scouts and Cubs of the various Groups camped for a day in Evan's Park. Sri V. Antonisamy, M. A. L. T. former Secretary and A.D.C. of the Tuticorin L. A. was the Camp officer. An interesting programme was gone through. Many teachers, members of the L.A. and the President Chev. J. L. P. Roche Victoria visited the camp. Sri D. G. Masillamani an independent Scout, helped by teaching certain aspects of Scout craft to the Campers. There was sharing of experience between Scouts and Scouters of the different

groups and also a feeling of fellowship developed. In short, all the campers, about 200 in number, enjoyed the camp.

A public meeting was held on 3rd Oct. in the Municipal Hall, the Municipal Chairman Sri Sam Masillamani presiding. Chev. J.L.P. Roche Victoria K.S.G., the enthusiastic president of the L.A. welcomed the gathering. Srimathi G. Anandakani of St. Aloysius' High School Sri R. Jeychandran of V.O.C. Teachers' College, Sri V. Antonisamy and Sri D. G. Masillamani spoke on Scouting and the responsibility of the public. Cubs and Bulbuls entertained the audience. Sri G. George Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION, KUMBAKONAM

General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Local Association, Kumbakonam, was held on 6-10-1957 at 4 p.m. in the Town High School, Kumbakonam under the presidency of Sri R. Krishnamurthy Iyer, B.A., B.L., Vice-Chairman of the Association. After the adoption of the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 1956-57, and the approval of the provisional Budget for the year 1957-58, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to the various offices.

President: Sri G. Karuppia Mooppanar.

Chairman: Sri K. S. Krishnaswami Iyengar.

Secretary: Sri V. Pichumani.

Vice-Presidents: Sri Aramani A. R. Rama Iyer. Dr. V. R. Murthy, Municipal Chairman. Sri R. Jagadeesa Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., Municipal Commissioner. Srimathi Rajalakshmi Vceraraghavan.

Joint Secretaries: Sri N. Vijayagopalan and Srimathi K. R. Kaveri.

Treasurer: Sri A. Rajagopal Iyengar.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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14th November, 1957

The State Secretary,
Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Indian Union.

Dear Friend.

Kindly note that at the meeting of the National Council held on 2nd November, 1957, the following Office-bearers have been elected for the next term of three years.

President: Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa

Vice-President: 1. Mrs. H. C. Captian
2. Rani Phul Kunwari
3. Shri R. K. Sidhwa
4. Col. Z. R. Zaidi

National Commissioner: Mr. Justice Vivian Bose

Chief Commissioner (Scouts): Mr. Madan Mohan

Chief Commissioner (Guides): Mrs. M. Clubwalla Jadhav

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M. L. Sodhani

At the same meeting the council elected the following as members of the National Executive Committee.

1. Shri K. Dutt (Assam)
2. Mrs. Z. R. Ranji (Andhra)
3. Dr. M. N. Natu (Bombay)
4. Sardar Lakshman Singh (Bombay)
5. Shri Jagat Narain Lal (Bihar)
6. Shri P. Kuttikrishna Menon (Kerala)
7. Shri S. S. Pande (Madhya Pradesh)
8. Shri K. Venkataswamy Naidu (Madras)
9. Shri V. S. Ratnasabhpathy (Madras)
10. Shri H. R. Abdul Gaffar (Mysore)
11. Miss M. Sen (Punjab)
12. Sardar Hardial Singh (Punjab)
13. Shri S. K. Zibbu (Rajasthan)
14. Shri S. S. Sharma (Rajasthan)
15. Shri Surya Prakash (Uttar Pradesh)
16. Mrs. Phyllis Mehotra (Uttar Pradesh)
17. Mrs. Ashoka Gupta (West Bengal)
18. Shri Radha Raman M. P. (Delhi)
19. Mrs. B. Tarabai (Delhi)

The following were elected as members of the Finance Committee at the same meeting :—

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Shri Saroj Ghosh | 2. Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed |
| 3. Rani Leela Ram Bhargava | 4. Shri Mahabir Das |
| 5. Shri Bhagwandas | 6. Shri A. N. Rama Rao |

Yours sincerely,

K. G. VAIDYANATHAN,
National Secretary.



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MADRAS STATE

Song sung by Bulbuls at the Children's Rally
Held at the Corporation Stadium Grounds, Madras
on 22-11-1957

ஏகதாளம் மணமகன் தேவையில்—பம்பரக்கண்ணிலே
என்ற மெட்டு

1

ஸமம் மாம மாககரிக கமக கரிநீர்
பாரத நாட்டின் பாவைகளே சேவைகள் செய்திடுவோம்
ரிமம் மமம் ஸரிநீ ரிரிநீ ரிகரி ஸரிநீ
பள பளவேன்று உடைகள் ஜோலிக்க பாடியே ஆடிடுவோம்
பரிநீநீ தப பமத நீ தநிதப மகரிகபா
மயில்களைப்போல் ஆடிடுவோம் குயில்களைப்போல் பாடிடுவோம்

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பபாப பபத நீதப

சிங்காரச் சிறுமிகளே
மமாம மாபம
தலைவர் நேருஜியும்
ரிமம் மமா ஸரிநீநீ
தலைவனங்கி கடவுளையே

பபம பபம மா

சலங்கை குலுங்கிட
ஸஸாரி ரீகரி
நீடுழி வாழ்கவே
ரிகரி ஸரிநீ
வேண்டிடுவோமே

(பாரத)

3

ஆனும் பெண்ணும் ஸமமாக வேலைகளை செய்திடுவோம்
ஆனந்தமாய் வாழ்ந்திடுவோம் அன்பினாலே நாம்
நீலப்பறவை — நேர்மையாய் பிறருக்கே
உதவிகளை செய்து நாமும் மகிழ்ந்திடுவோமே

(பாரத)

4

பயிர்வேலை செய்திடுவோம் பண்டின் உழைத்திடுவோம்
சரதி மத பேதமின்று ஸகலரும் வாரீர்
உயிரகளைக் காத்திட வேளாண்மை மேன்மையே
உலகினிலே உயர் உண்மையே தரும் நன்மையே

(பாரத)

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கைராட்டை சுற்றிடுவோம் நூல்களும் நூற்றிடுவோம்
நம் நாட்டின் வறுமைதனை போக்கிடவே நாம்
காந்தி மகான் அவர் காட்டிய வழியிது
கைபிடித்து களிப்புடனே சாந்தி பெறுவோம்

(பாரத)

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